

Boston Harbor Association Board Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2019
Corrected Minutes

Members Present: Chris Hamilton, Kate Gervais, Mike DeFord, Nicky Lockwood, Brian Midles, Richard Thompson, Dan Doty, (members excused: Susan Lund, Larry Seale).

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Richard Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:26 pm
- 2) Minutes from the meeting of May 5, 2019 were approved by unanimous consent.
- 3) Treasurer's report – Larry Seale emailed members copies of financial reports for March, April, and May. The first half of the fireworks bill to Wolverine was paid in the amount of \$5,042.50, leaving the Association bank and cash accounts balance on May 31, 2019 at \$13,293.18.

4) **Fireworks**

Sponsors - Chris and Nicky reported there are 24 committed sponsors, including previous sponsors and one new one. Several have confirmed (paid). The goal is to gather funds as soon as possible, with money in hand by June 11. Chris will confirm with Alpha Graphics if we can add on to the banner with new sponsors.

Private Donations- A reminder was given that we need to have volunteers collect donations in cans at the July 3rd event. The suggestion was made to also solicit donations from Cooper Point, Steam Boat Island Road, and Hartstene Island residents by putting it in the *Next Door* blog. Richard said he would ask Susan, who is the communications representative, to do that. Donations could be mailed to BHA using the Marina address. Chris and Nicky will explore options for reaching out to these residents. Tax deductible information is sent to sponsors and donors after their donation is received. Chris will check this week on securing volunteers to collect donations during the event (in donation buckets). Members mentioned Amy and Larry had done this in the past. Richard will contact Glen Hunter, and Chris will reach out to Heidi to see if they have the Pay Pal cubes for swiping donations to make it easier for people to donate. Richard suggested that each board member reach out to a trustworthy person who might be willing to collect donations during the event.

The Show- The contract with the Squaxin Island Tribe is in and signed. The Association is working with Mark from the tribe to get the barge here. The Department of Natural Resources wants the barge moved by June 15th. The Harbor Patrol says it must be moved by a certain date so it is not a hazard. Richard asked if the anchor point (cement

block) will remain so that it can be located each year. Chris explained that the block is privately owned and moved each year to avoid environmental conflicts. He is working through this challenge, and stated that it may be possible to drop an anchor instead, and avoid permits. The worry with an anchor would be if the weather is not optimal, the anchor could drag. That would be bad for the environment and the pyrotechnic show. Richard shared a copy of last year's Acord liability insurance coverage. Wolverine covered the BHA pyrotechnic event with a \$5,000,000 liability policy. Discussion followed related to BHA opting for liability coverage for all events throughout the year by paying a monthly premium.

Board Action: *Brian moved that the Association go with coverage as provided in the past for the July 3rd event, and table discussion about comprehensive insurance coverage until after the July fireworks. Motion carried unanimously.*

Sheriff's Department Contract- The contract has been signed and sent to the Sheriff's Department for coverage of the July 3rd event from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. We are waiting for the return response.

Fire Department- Dan will contact Mr. McBride this week requesting Fire Department presence at the fireworks show and the parade (a truck).

Honey Buckets- Kate will take care of securing honey buckets for July 3rd this week.

5) **Kid's Bike Parade**

Time -10:00 AM start

Decorations – There are some decorations, but more are needed.

Fire Truck- Dan will check with the fire department to make sure it will be at the parade

Ice Cream/ Popsicles- Nicky will help coordinate the distribution

6) **Environment Committee**

More information from the committee will be shared at the August meeting.

Chris stated that the Boston Harbor Access Redevelopment grant funding has been secured. This \$930,000 Recreation and Conservation Office grant provides funding through the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for: replacing the boat launch ramp, improving the parking area, replacing the restroom, enhancing fencing and signage, and installation of an accessible loading platform.

OLD BUSINESS –

Tribal Community Grants -Brian shared that community grants from local tribes in support of the fireworks display will be applied for by 2020 tribal Spring quarter deadlines. We missed the deadline to apply this year in time for July funding. These grants are awarded in amounts from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for community events/projects

in communities in the Puget Sound (Salish Sea) area.

Bylaws Item -Regarding previous discussion about updating the bylaws,

Board Action: *Brian moved to allow renters who serve on the Association Board to be allowed to be voting members. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. (Post meeting note: This motion did not follow BHA by-laws which state such action must be presented to Membership for a vote.)*

NEW BUSINESS -

Criminal Activity - The question was raised regarding worry about criminal activity recently expressed on the *Next Door* blog: Is it the BHA's responsibility to provide a public forum to discuss this issue? Richard suggested the Association set up something with the Sheriff for a community meeting in October.

Speeding - Members also brought up concerns about people driving too fast on Boston Harbor Road. Some cars have been speeding at 80+ mph. The suggestion was made to involve the Sheriff. The presence of Sheriff Department vehicles in our area has increased over the past few weeks.

Next board meeting will be on Monday, June 24th at 6:30 PM at the Marina to hammer out details for July 3rd events.

The June 24th meeting will eliminate the July meeting. The August 5th meeting will focus on planning for the annual community potluck.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 7:18 PM.